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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
AMENDMENT

Applicant(s): Thommes

Docket No: ITW 7188A

Serial No: 08/779,044

Group Art Unit: 2106

Filed: January 6, 1997

Examiner: Shaw, C.

FOR: Method And Apparatus For Receiving A Universal Input Voltage In A Welding Power Source

Box AF
Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Herewith is an amendment for the application identified above, in response to the Office Action of May 26, 1998. The Assistant Commissioner For Patents is hereby petitioned for an extension of 3 months pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). A check in the appropriate amount is attached.

FEE CALCULATION, CLAIMS AS AMENDED:

	Claims after amendment	Previously paid for		Present Extra		Additional Fee
All claims:	23 minus 23	=	0	X	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Ind. claims:	3 minus 3	=	0	X	\$78.00 =	\$0.00
Fee for 3 month extension of time:						\$870.00

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE ENCLOSED: \$870.00

If additional fees are due please charge Deposit Account number 50-0599.

Respectfully Submitted

[Signature] Nov. 25, 1998

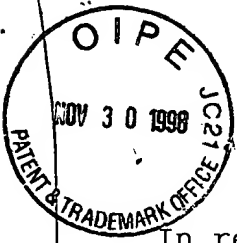
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Action of may 26,
1998, the period for response of which is hereby extended by 3
months. Please amend the above-referenced application as
follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 11, line 31, following Unitrode", insert --TM--.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Twice Amended) A welding power source capable
of receiving a range of input voltages, comprising:
an input rectifier configured to receive an ac input
and providing a first dc signal;